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EMPIRE PAYPHONES, INC.

Application for a certificate of
(local or interexchange) authority
to operate as a (reseller or facilities
based carrier) of telecommunications
services in (list specific area) in the
State of Illinois.

(Payphone Service Provider)

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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE TO BECOME A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER**
(Use additional sheets as necessary.)

GENERAL

1. Applicant's Name (including d/b/a, if any)

FEIN # 20-2836253

Empire Payphones, Inc.

Address: Street 44 Wall Street, 6th Floor

City New York

State/Zip NY 10005

2. Authority Requested: (Mark all that apply) ☐ 13-403 Facilities Based Interexchange

☐ 13-404 Resale of Local and/or Interexchange

☒ Payphone Provider

☐ 13-405 Facilities Based Local

3. Request for waivers/variances: In applications for local exchange service authority under Sections 13-404 or 13-405, waivers of Part 710 and of Section 735.180 of Part 735 are generally requested. In applications for interexchange service authority under Sections 13-403 and 13-404, waivers of Part 710 and Part 735 are generally requested. Please indicate which waivers Applicant is requesting and explain why Applicant is requesting each waiver/variance.

NOT APPLICABLE

☐ Part 710 Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Carriers

☐ Part 735 Procedures Governing the Establishment of Credit, Billing, Deposits,
Termination of Service and Issuance of Telephone Directories for
Local Exchange Telecommunications Carriers in the State of Illinois

☐ Section 735.180 Directories

____ Other

4. For all applicants requesting local exchange authority under Section 13-404 or Section 13-405, please complete the following:

NOT APPLICABLE

- (a) the Standard Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix A of this document
- (b) the 9-1-1 Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix B of this document;
- (c) the Financial Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix C of this document; and
- (d) if applicable, the Prepaid Service Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix D of this document.

5. In what area of the state does the Applicant propose to provide service?

Multiple areas

6. Please attach a sheet designating contact persons to work with Staff on the following:

- a) issues related to processing this application
- b) consumer issues
- c) customer complaint resolution
- d) technical and service quality issues
- e) "tariff" and pricing issues
- f) 9-1-1 issues
- g) security/law enforcement

*SEE ATTACHED (EXHIBIT A)

Please identify each contact person's (i) name, (ii) title, (iii) mailing address, (iv) telephone number, (v) facsimile number, and (vi) e-mail address.

7. Please check type of organization?

____ Individual
____ Partnership

X Corporation

Date corporation was formed January 20, 2005

In what state? New York

____ Other (Specify)

8. Submit a copy of articles of incorporation and a copy of certificate of authority to transact business in Illinois.

*SEE ATTACHED (EXHIBITS B AND C)

9. List jurisdictions in which Applicant is offering service(s).

*SEE ATTACHED (EXHIBIT D)

(Denotes States Applicant is authorized as a Payphone Provider)

10. Has the Applicant, or any principal in Applicant, been denied a Certificate of Service or had its certification revoked or suspended in any jurisdiction in this or another name?

____ YES (Please provide details) X NO

11. Have there been any complaints or judgements levied against the Applicant in any other jurisdiction?

____ YES X NO

If YES, describe fully. _____

12. Has Applicant provided service under any other name?

 YES X NO

If YES, please list. _____

13. Will the Applicant keep its books and records in Illinois? YES X NO

If NO, permission pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm Code Part 250 needs to be requested.

*Applicant will have no offices in Illinois, Only Payphones. Records to be kept at our Corporate Offices in New York.

MANAGERIAL

14. Please attach evidence of the applicant's managerial and technical resources and ability to provide service. This may be in either narrative form, resumes of key personnel, or a combination of these forms.

15. List officers of Applicant.

 *SEE ATTACHED (EXHIBITS E & E(1))

16. Does any officer of Applicant have an ownership or other interest in any other entity which has provided or is currently providing telecommunications services? X YES NO

If YES, list entity. Metropolitan Telecommunications of Illinois, Inc. d/b/a MetTel

17. How will Applicant bill for its service(s)? (At a minimum, describe how often the Applicant will bill for service and details of the billing statement.)

 .50¢ for 15 mins. - Local coin call from payphone *posted*

 .75¢ for 3 mins for Long Distance coin call from payphone *Posted*

18. How does Applicant propose to handle service, billing, and repair complaints? (At a minimum, describe Applicant's internal process for complaint resolution, the complaint escalation process, the timeframe and process by which the customer is notified by Applicant that they may seek assistance from the Commission?)

Service issues are handled by trouble tickets being opened and assigned

to the appropriate technician.

Service Repairs and complaints are handled within 72 hours.

19. Will personnel be available at Applicant's business office during regular working hours to respond to inquiries about service or billing? X YES NO

20. What telephone number(s) would a customer use to contact your company?

(888) 819-0046 or by dialing 611 directly from the payphone for repairs/refunds

*Numbers will be posted on the housing cards for customer's knowledge.

21. Will Applicant abide by all Federal and State slamming and cramming laws pursuant to Section 13-902 of the Public Utilities Act and Section 258 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act?

 YES NO NOT APPLICABLE PAYPHONE PROVIDER

22. Please describe applicant's procedures to prevent slamming and cramming of customers?

 NOT APPLICABLE - PAYPHONE PROVIDER

23. If granted authority to operate as a local exchange carrier, will the applicant abide by the following 83 Illinois Administrative Code Parts: 705, 710, 720, 725, 730, 732, 735, 755, 756, 757, 770, and 772?

 YES NO NOT APPLICABLE - PAYPHONE PROVIDER
(If no, please provide an explanation.)

24. Is Applicant aware that it must file tariffs prior to providing service in Illinois?

 X YES NO

FINANCIAL

25. Please attach evidence of Applicant's financial fitness through the submission of its most current income statement and balance sheet, or other appropriate documentation of applicant's financial resources and ability to provide service. *SEE ATTACHED (EXHIBIT F)

TECHNICAL

26. Does Applicant utilize its own equipment and/or facilities? X YES X NO

If YES, please list the facilities Applicant intends to utilize. Also include evidence that Applicant possesses the necessary technical resources to deploy and maintain said facilities:

Applicant will use payphone equipment consisting of Elcotel or Protel model
payphones, enclosures & pedestals. (No facilities)

If NO, which facility provider(s)'s services does the Applicant intend to use?

Authorized LEC providers in the state of Illinois for COCOT Lines
to the payphones

27. Please describe the nature of service to be provided (e.g., operator services, internet, debit cards, long distance service, data services, local service, prepaid local service).

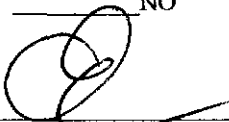
Payphone Services

28. Will technical personnel be available at all times to assist customers with service problems?

 YES NO

29. If Applicant intends to provide payphone service, will the equipment utilized comply with FCC requirements and Finding (9) of the Commission Order entered in Docket No. 84-0442 on June 11, 1986, including, but not limited to: (a) touch dialing; (b) access to 9-1-1 and "0" operator dialing without use of a coin; (c) rules governing use of payphones by disabled persons; (d) ability to complete local and long-distance calls; (e)

unlimited duration for local calls; and (f) a message explaining the telephone's general operations, dialing instructions for emergency assistance, payphone owner's name, method of reporting service problems and method of receiving credit for faulty calls? X YES NO



(Signature of Applicant)

By: Andoni Economou - Exec. VP & COO

VERIFICATION

This application shall be verified under oath.

OATH

State of NEW YORK)
)ss
County of NEW YORK)

Andoni Economou makes oath and says that he is Exec. VP & COO
(Insert here the name of affiant) (Insert the official title of the affiant)

of Empire Payphones, Inc.
(Insert here the exact legal title or name of the Applicant)

that he has examined the foregoing application and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained in the said application are true, and the said application is a correct statement of the business and affairs of the above-named applicant in respect to each and every matter set forth therein.



(Signature of affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public/ David E. Aronow
(Title of person authorized to administer oaths)

in the State and County above named, this 6th day of April, 2006.



(Signature of person authorized to administer oath)

David E. Aronow
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 02AR5080242
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires June 16, 2007